

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Original) A polish composition comprising abrasive particles and about 0.05 to about 5 % by weight of an anionic polyelectrolyte or a cationic polyelectrolyte.

2. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte is an anionic polyelectrolyte.

3. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte is a cationic electrolyte.

4. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte has a molecular weight of less than about 100,000.

5. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte has a molecular weight of about 300 to about 20,000.

6. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte is selected from the group consisting of poly (acrylic acid), poly (methacrylic acid), poly (methyl methacrylic acid), poly (maleic acid), and poly (vinylsulfonic acid).

7. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte is selected from the group consisting of poly (vinylamine), poly (ethylenimine) and poly (4-vinylpyridine).

8. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte is poly (acrylic acid).

9. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the polyelectrolyte is polyethylenimine.

10. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the abrasive particles comprise a member selected from the group consisting of ceria, alumina, silica and zirconia.

11. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 wherein the amount of the abrasive particles is about 0.1 to about 20 percent by weight.

12. (Original) The polish composition of claim 1 being an aqueous slurry.

13-21. (Canceled)